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SUBJECT: DONORS MEETING ON INDOCHINA AID

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1. (SUMMARY). WELL ATTENDED ONE-DAY IBRD/ADB INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS ON AID TO INDO-CHINA OCTOBER 16 BASICALLY
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SUCCESSFUL IN INITIATING PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL

CONSULTATION ON POST WAR ASSISTANCE TO INDO-CHINA AND THEREBY FACILITATING BILATERAL AID FLOWS FROM JAPANESE AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK. HOWEVER, VIEWS ON HOW TO ORGANIZE FUTURE CONSULTATIONS AND ON ROLE OF BANKS DIVERGENT BECAUSE OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES' CONCERN WITH EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF ALL FOUR COUNTRIES AND IN CASE OF SCANS OF PRC AS WELL. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPANESE SUGGESTED A CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF DONORS TO DISCUSS AID TO ALL OF INDOCHINA WITH SUBSEQUENT FORMATION OF SUB-GROUPS TO INCLUDE RECIPIENTS FOR THOSE INDO-CHINA COUNTRIES WHICH DESIRED COORDINATED AID AND WERE READY FOR IT.

3. U.S. WHILE SUPPORTING JAPANESE SUGGESTION, INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE IN ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BUT STRESSED NEED FOR URGENCY IN MEETING PRESSING HUMANITARIAN AND RECONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

4. SCANDINAVIANS STATED ANY GROUPS PREMATURE. THEY INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF THEIR NON-PARTICIPATION IN IDA REPLENISHMENT IF IBRD PROVIDED IDA CREDIT TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

5. FRENCH CALLED FOR BALANCED AID TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, URGED IBRD/ADB CONTACTS WITH NORTH VIETNAM AND EXPLORATION OF WAYS BANKS COULD AID NORTH VIETNAM DESPITE NON-MEMBERSHIP. GERMANS ALSO STRESSED BALANCED AID AND SUGGESTED ANOTHER INFORMAL MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE RATHER THAN REACHING ANY DECISION AT TODAY'S MEETING. AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, UK, NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS FAVORING MULTILATERAL APPROACHES, BALANCED AID AND WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ALL CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACHES.

6. IBRD CONCLUDED BY STATING IT WOULD CONSULT WITH BANK MEMBERSHIP IN NEAR FUTURE AFTER GOVERNMENTS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS AND WOULD PROBABLY CONVENE ANOTHER MEETING POSSIBLY EARLY IN 1974.
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